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SUBJ: SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION TO IRAN AND EAST ASIA

1. A SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IBRAHIM SULTAN IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT IRAN, TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND AND THE PHILLIPINES ON A TOUR BEGINNING NOVEMBER 28. SULTAN WAS DESIGNATED DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS SHORTLY BEFORE MINISTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQQAF'S DEATH AND SINCE HIS DEATH HAS BECOME THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE MINISTRY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HEAD OF EASTERN (AFRICAN AND ASIAN) AFFAIRS AHMED SIRAJ AND ACTING HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AFFAIRS TAHA DUGHATHER.

2. THE DELEGATION IS BELOW THE POLICY LEVEL (SINCE SAQQAF'S DEATH VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE MINISTRY IS BELOW THE POLICY LEVEL), BUT WITH THE EXPECTATION OF IRAN CONTAINS THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF SAUDI ARABIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES TO BE VISIT. WE EXPECT THAT OFFICIALS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WILL BE INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN TALKING ABOUT OIL BUT THE DELEGATION
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